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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:
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OFFICERS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR 1886.

TRUSTEES.

Ex officio. *Terms expire January, 1887.*

MORGAN ROTCH, Mayor of the City.
EDMUND WOOD, President of the Common Council.
EDWIN DEWS, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1887.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1887.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR.,	Term expires April, 1888.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1888.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1886.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1886.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library — The Mayor, George Howland, Jr., Dews and Julien.
On the Building — Messrs. Wood, Tompkins and Ellis.
On Binding and Blanks — Messrs. A. H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

ASSISTANTS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, MARY E. BROWN,
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.

YORICK AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN, — In fulfilment of our duty as the Trustees of the Free Public Library, we submit the following Report.

During the past year there have been taken from the library seventy-three thousand three hundred and eighty volumes. The daily average of books delivered has been two hundred and forty-four. The total number of cards issued has amounted to twenty-one thousand five hundred and sixty-three, being an increase over the number of the previous year of six hundred and eighty-one.

The library has been increased by the purchase of two thousand one hundred and fifty-four volumes, and by gifts of two hundred and sixty-eight volumes and seven hundred and forty-four pamphlets.

The number of newspapers on the stand is thirteen.

The number of periodicals received is one hundred and seventy-five.

During the year seventy-six volumes have been worn out and rejected, one hundred and sixty-six have been bound, and one hundred and fifty-one rebound.

One hundred and ten postals have been sent out for books overdue.

The whole number of books in the library at present is about fifty thousand, of which six per cent. are works of fiction and juvenile publications.

We think it important to the interests of the public that those who enjoy the privileges of the library should exer-

cise due care in the use of the books. A number of volumes delivered during the past year, have been found on their return more or less difigured, — an experience which is but a repetition of that of former years. It would be a matter of regret that for the carelessness or willfulness of the few, rules should have to be adopted and enforced which might limit the advantages of the library to the many.

We desire further to emphasize the necessity of quiet in the reading-room, that those who are engaged in reading or study may not be unnecessarily disturbed.

The work of building the addition to the library so long desired, has been allowed to interfere as little as possible with the regular use of the library. To this end the northern wall has been boxed in, in order that the work of construction may be continued without interruption to the library. It is hoped that in the coming Spring the whole library will be thrown open to the public. The library will then have a separate entrance on the northeast corner of the building, the delivery room will be in the centre of the new part, and the public will readily see the advantages secured by having the reading-room by itself in the northwest corner, and well lighted by the skylight above. We feel confident that with the addition the room so long desired will be found sufficient, by the close stacking of books, to give opportunity for a large increase to the library.

GIFTS.

We have again received from the Royal Society of Canada a volume (the second) of its Proceedings and Transactions.

From their respective publishers we have continued to receive The Unitarian Review, The Christian Register, The

Manifesto, Signs of the Times, Advocate of Peace, and The Folio.

The American Antiquarian Society and the American Philosophical Society have each sent us their Proceedings.

Mr. William H. Farrington has continued to send us the Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Mr. Gideon Nye the Bulletin de la Société d'Acclimatation.

Dr. Samuel A. Green has given us many pamphlets relating to local history and genealogy.

Valuable pamphlets, many of them published in this city, have come to us from Mr. Thomas R Rodman and from Dr. George T. Hough.

The usual number of Reports, etc., have been sent to us by thoughtful friends. A full list is given, as usual, in the Appendix.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

MORGAN ROTCH,
President of the Board.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1885.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	$238.76	
	Receipts for books lost,	1.40	
	Paper stock,	2.50	
	Fines,	258.60	$501.26
	Paid for books,	$21.90	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	48.29	
	Stationery,	38.25	
	P. O. box, and postage,	20.39	
	Paper cutting,	.75	
	Repairing furniture,	5.85	
	Incidentals,	83.76	
1886, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	282.07	$501.26

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1885, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	$529.89	
	February,	394.61	
	March,	574.57	
	April,	390.65	
	May,	353.31	
	June,	379.56	
	July,	355.06	
	August,	369.81	
	September,	412.56	
	October,	364.56	
	November,	384.41	
	December,	393.69	
		$4,902.68	
Balance transferred,		97.32	$5,000.00
1885, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,		$5,000.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$12,263.84	
	George Howland Jr. fund,	494.13	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	317.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	202.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	237.42	
	Dog fund,	230.76	$13,746.22

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$12,263.84	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec.31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	$15,263.84

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	$484.11	
February,	444.95	
March,	396.33	
April,	241.74	
May,	206.49	
June,	263.35	
July,	111.05	
August,	122.49	
September,	243.08	
October,	262.15	
November,	221.74	
December,	459.15	$3,456.63

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	$5.00
Allyn, John,	265.44
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
Anglim, James & Co.,	6.73
Anthony, E. & Sons,	9.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	23.00
Bay State Monthly Co.,	7.00
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
Bouton, J. W.,	21.60
Bowker, R. R.,	4.50
Brinton, D. G.,	6.00
Casper, C. N.,	5.00
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	18.00
Champion, H.,	21.75

City Treasurer,	232.00
Clark, A. S.,	9.49
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	6.00
Cooperative Newspaper Society,	2.25
Cushing, William,	5.29
Dews, Edwin,	222.98
Dexter, F. B.,	5.30
Dowd, W. W.,	3.50
Dufossé, E.,	78.10
Essex Institute,	6.00
Estes & Lauriat,	20.00
Farmer, Silas & Co.,	10.00
Francis, David G.,	38.25
Gautier, Mrs. A. C.,	16.00
Gildersleeve, B. L.,	3.00
Greenough, W. A. & Co.,	2.00
Harrington, H. F.,	3.57
Hickox, J. H.,	2.00
Holt, Henry & Co.,	20.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	68.50
Hutchinson, S.,	397.96
Inman, H. S.,	10.00
Johns Hopkins University,	13.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	45.20
Lawton, J. M. Jr.,	490.04
Library Bureau,	4.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	245.91
Littlefield, George E.,	231.68
Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	8.75
McDonough, Joseph,	15.57
Maker, A. J.,	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	6.00
Mercury Publishing Co.,	9.00
Minnesota Historical Society,	8.50
Morgan, Henry J.,	2.50
Morrell, T. H.,	28.60
Morse, George D.,	12.30
Munsell, Joel's Sons,	11.12
Munsell, W. W. & Co.,	15.00
Narragansett Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Nash & Pierce,	38.12
Newport Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	43.65
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	15.00
Packard Bros. & Co.,	6.00

Parsons, John D., Jr.,	22.50	
Q. P. Index,	2.00	
Randolph, A. D. F. & Co.,	5.00	
Raymond, E. P.	3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	194.35	
Russell, J. B.,	5.50	
Salisbury, Edward,	18.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	246.18	
Scribner, Charles' Sons,	10.00	
Sever, Charles W.,	5.00	
Swank, James M.,	5.00	
Tibbitts & Preston,	2.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	31.20	
Van Nostrand, D.,	10.50	
Waldron, C. D.,	7.00	
Walker, E. W.,	17.50	
Willey, Henry,	23.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	16.25	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,	14.50	$3,456.63

GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$494.13	
	One year's interest,	96.00	
		$590.13	
	Little, Brown & Co's bill,	375.60	$214.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$317.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	
		$377.17	
	Little, Brown & Co's bill,	16.00	$361.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$202.90	
	One year's interest,	60.00	
		$262.90	
	George W. Tryon's (Jr.) bill,	40.00	$222.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1885.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$237.42	
	One year's interest,	30.00	
		$267.42	
	Little, Brown & Co's bill,	26.40	$241.02

DOG FUND.

1885.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	$230.76	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	694.46	$925.22
Paid S. H. Cook,		$75.00	
L. Grinnell & Co.,		75.00	
C. H. Howland,		344.00	
J. H. Magnett,		100.00	
G. P. Richardson,		21.00	615.00
			$310.22

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1886, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$11,807.21	
	George Howland Jr. fund,	214.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	361.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	241.02	
	Dog fund,	310.22	$13,157.05

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,
Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

GIFTS, 1885.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
American Antiquarian Soc., Worcester, 10 Newsp.		3
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, ...	4	2
American Unitarian Association,	3	
Anthony, E. & Sons,	9	
Apprentices' Library, New York,		1
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia,		1
Barry, W. W.,	1	
Boardman, J.,	1	
Boston City Government,	2	
Boston Public Library,		3
Bostonian Society,		1
Bourne, Jonathan,	1	
Bowditch, William I.,		1
Bradlee, Rev. C. D.,		5
Bradley, C. S.,	1	
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.,		5
Buckminster, Joseph,	2	
Butler, James D.,		21
Butler Hospital for the Insane,		1
Cambridge Civil Service Reform Association,		1
Cannon, H. W.,	1	
Chase, Frederick,		3
Chicago Public Library,		1
Cincinnati Public Library,	2	6
City Library Association, Springfield,		1
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, Northampton,		1
Cobden Club,		1
Cogswell, Edward R.,	1	
Commissioners of the State Bureaus of Labor Statistics, Illinois,		1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	7	
— State Library,		1
Conductors of the Diplomatic Review,	7	
Cook, Thomas W.,	17	20
Craig, E. T.,		2
Crapo, William W.,	6	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Crunden, Fred M.,		1
Cutter, Abram E.,		1
Dalton, J. G.,	1	
Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences,		1
Dawes, H. L.,		1
Dexter, Franklin B.,	1	1
Dunbar, George H.,	9	21
Durfey, Richard T.,		1
Essex Institute, Salem,		1
Fall River Public Library,		1
Farrington, W. H.,	2	11
Fessenden, C. B. H.,		3
Fox, Henry J.,	1	
Francis, Joseph,	1	
Fray, John J.,		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown,		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N.Y.,		1
Gifford, William L. R.,	4	23
Gilman, Mrs. Frances,	1	1
Green, Dr. Samuel A.,	16	27
Green, Samuel S.,		1
Gummere, Amelia Mott,	1	
Hamilton, M. R.,	1	
Harden, William,		1
Hartford Library Association,		1
Harvard University,		4
Hazen, Rev. Henry A.,	1	
Hingeley, Rev. J. B.,	Newspapers.	
Hough, George T.,	1	111
Howland, William D.,		68
Huntoon, Daniel T. V.,		2
International Tract and Missionary Society,	3	
Jones, Augustine,	1	
King, Lindsey,	2	
Lancaster Library Committee,		1
Lawrence, Abbott,	2	
Lawrence Free Public Library,		1
Lee, Leslie A.,		1
Legacion Mexicana en Washington,		1
Levi Parsons Library, Gloversville and Kingsboro, New York,		1
Library Company, Philadelphia,		1
Littlefield, George E.,		2
Lovell, J. W.,	1	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Lynn Public Library,	1	1
Maimonides Library, New York City,		1
Mercantile Library Company of Philadelphia,		2
Mercantile Library of New York,		2
Merrill, Edward B.,		5
Meylert, Asa P.,		1
Middlesex Mechanics' Association,		1
New Bedford Book Club,	2	2
New Bedford City Government,	47	6
New Bedford Indian Rights Association,		1
Newton Free Library,		1
Northampton Lunatic Hospital,		1
Nye, Gideon,		1
Orcutt, C. R.,		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		1
Peaslee, John B.,	1	2
Peirce, Charles H.,	2	
Peirce, George W.,	35 Newspapers.	
Perkins, Frederick B.,		1
Perkins Institute for the Blind,		1
Peyton, J. Lewis,	1	
Pillsbury, Parker,		2
Potter, Southward, 2d,	1	
Providence Public Library,		1
Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio,		1
Publishers of the Advocate of Peace,	1	
Publishers of The Folio,	1	
Publishers of the Manifesto,	1	
Publishers of the Signs of the Times,	1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum,		2
Rodman, Edmund,		1
Rodman, Thomas R,	19	284
Rogers Free Library, Bristol, R. I.,	1	
Royal Society of Canada,	1	
St. Louis Public School Library,		1
Sims, William,	1	
Smithsonian Institution,	1	1
Snow, Rev. Charles A.,		1
Stanton, Irving G.,		1
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton,		1
Steele, Henry T.,		1
Sullavou, Emanuel,		2
Taber, Mrs. Abraham,		1
Taber, Charles,		1

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Taber, Charles & Co.,	4 Engravings.	
Taunton Public Library,		1
Topham, William B.,	1	
Tryon, George W., Jr.,		1
United States:		
— Bureau of Education,		8
— Coast Survey,	1	
— Department of the Interior,	44	25
— Patent Office,	1	
— Signal Office,		5
— Treasury Department,	2	
— War Department,	4	
University of Vermont,		1
Wanamaker, John,		1
Webster, Frank B.,	1	
Weekes, John A.,	1	
Whitaker, Alfred E.,		1
White, Smith & Co., Publishers,	1	
Wicksteed, R. I.,		1
Willcox, David B.,		11
Willey, Henry,		2
Woburn Public Library,		1
Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania,		1
Worcester Free Public Library,		1
Young Men's Association, Buffalo,		1